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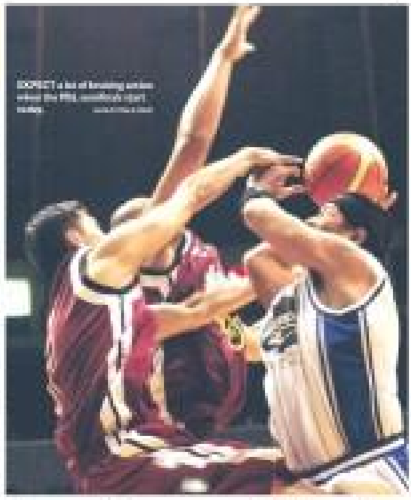


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Pinoys took P7B worth of fake drugs last year

By Michael Lim Ubac

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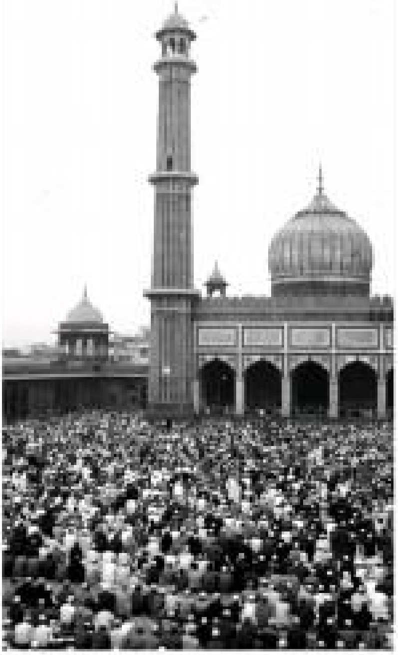
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A TRADER carries chickens for sale on his motorcycle in Hanoi, Jan. 21.

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Dispute over Zhao's legacy holds up funeral

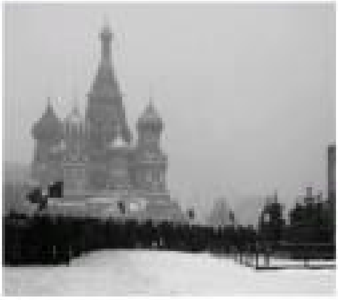
Britain cracks down on excessive drinking

Apartment life in New York ruled by mighty co-ops

Car bomb attack on Iraq Shiite mosque kills 14



Fate of Chinese hostages in Iraq in the balance as deadline passes



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UN: Tsunami aid effort moving to 'Phase Two'



Scientists say tsunamis may hit Caribbean

Fish stricken off menus in wake of fears of corpse-feasting

Hollywood stars give to Thai victims

Megacities seen facing huge risks from disasters



AERIAL view of Nishinomiya area near Kobe taken Jan. 17, 1995 shows a collapsed elevated highway after a massive quake hit the area. Megacities are vulnerable to disasters which could cause a greater toll than the recent tsunami tragedy, experts say. AFP

Stressed Masako may return to duty outside Tokyo

Koizumi vows better relations with China

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OPINION



Swagger

EDITORIAL

THE 55TH presidential inaugural in American history held Thursday night (Manila time) formally set the 43rd president of the United States on his second and last term. George W. Bush successfully sought reelection as a wartime president. But unlike his wartime predecessors, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt, there was nothing austere about the inaugural or the preparations for it.

The inauguration was actually the highlight of a week-long affair that began with a military gala and a youth concert on Jan. 18, musical acts, entertainment and a fireworks display on the 19th, the inauguration itself at noon on the 20th, followed by a parade and nine inaugural balls that evening. Of the inaugural balls, one was a new addition: the Commander-in-Chief Ball. This event was free of charge to 2,000 members of the armed services and their families, featuring those who recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, or those who would be deployed there soon.

The inaugural festivities cost a whopping $40 million, amid criticisms that the money would have been better spent for tsunami victims' relief, or simply set the amount aside since the United States is at war. The primacy of big business in the reinaugurated administration's scheme of things was illustrated by CEOs being "asked" to donate tens of thousands of dollars each for seats at the various inaugural balls, and for other "contributions," viewed as nothing more or less than payback.

Preparations for the inaugural parade were marred by a court case being filed by protesters, who alleged that their democratic rights were trampled by security measures and their being shunted aside as a result: most of the parade route from the US Capitol to the White House was occupied by bleachers reserved for those who had donated funds for the inaugural. A group calling itself Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (Answer) protested the reserved bleachers. But a judge threw out the case saying, "It's clear, as I think it always has been, that the official inaugural parade and the bleachers connected with it get the bulk of the space." Protesters retained the right to distribute literature and carry signs, but the US Secret Service forbade signs to be attached to sticks or poles that could be used as weapons.

Stripped of the hoopla and controversy, the reality is that the second term of George W. Bush is of tremendous significance for America and the world. On the eve of the second Bush inaugural, veteran American journalist Seymour Hersh published a piece examining the American president's significantly increased power over intelligence and covert operations. What sparked headlines around the globe was an unnamed source telling Hersh that US military action against Iran is already under way. According to the source, with the help of Pakistan, the Bush administration has sent reconnaissance teams into Iran for some months now. Furthermore, Bush had authorized secret commando groups to target terrorists in at least 10 nations, as well as approved the recruitment of local "action teams."

Hersh points out that since these missions are classified as military—rather than intelligence—operations, they are not bound by existing American legal restrictions on the Central Intelligence Agency in reporting to the US Congress its covert operations.

The world can therefore expect more war, more cloak-and-dagger operations, more of what made Bush so unpopular and America so feared and despised the world over. What's more, with his electoral triumph, the world view of the likes of Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz, the leading neoconservatives in the White House, are all the more on the ascendant, while the chances of moderates to influence policy have been significantly lessened by the very public marginalization or outright removal from office of known moderates such as Colin Powell.

There was a brief time when it seemed that Bush would be more conciliatory, less reckless, a little more willing to listen. The triumphalism and the swagger of his second inaugural dispel all doubts that this is a man who feels he has all the more reason to push ahead with his God-appointed mission.

A little common sense

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

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What's barbaric about 'wet-flag policy'?

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Solita Collas-Monsod

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POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

A summer to remember

YOUNG BLOOD

Patricia Ysabel G. Oreta

Bringing TV to the classroom



AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

In our image

(With apologies to Stanley Karnow)



SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Randy L. Harper

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .!

Cavite land scam

DA contributing to veggie shortage

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Hunters Team mars Cebu's image

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Co-ops deserve tax incentives

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Eagle sign there's still hope for RP environment

Reason to hope

Looking forward

DENR stops manganese mining in Vizcaya tree-planting site



Bounty makes man wanted for slayings turn self in

Shoot-to-kill

Weapon missing

Baguio folk raising ₱5M in 'health investment'

DOH confirms meningo fatality in town in Leyte

Phivolcs sets sights on Mt. Kanlaon after emissions

INQUIRER Visayas

Massacre leaves Kalibo folk asking why



THE STORES have reopened, vendors have returned and the bullet-riddled vehicles are gone. So are the trails of blood, cleansed by rain in the past days.

Magayanes' death advances family reunion

ALMOST two weeks before he was killed, Supt. Odelando Magayanes had invited his family that lives in Malilipot, Albay, to come to Aklan for a visit.

Sinulog: More than a festival, it's an act of devotion

THE DIN of the drums, the dazzling colors, elaborate and spectacular dance performances highlighted the silver anniversary of Cebu's Sinulog Festival.



Big fire sweeps through Boracay

Panicky residents





World jittery as Bush starts second term



Worst-case scenario

Perilous position

Arabic for Vietnam

Domestic agenda

Role of Condoleezza Rice

Gentler US policy

Asian allies

Back to Cold War era?

They could have danced all night, but didn't

A De la Renta gown

Everybody wins

'Ready for next 4 years'

'Great Dying' blamed on global warming

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[illegible] were caused by global warming and oxygen depletion over long periods of time.

Massive volcanic flows in what is now Siberia brought on the warming while, at the same time, geologic action caused global sea levels to drop, Ward explained in a telephone interview.

"Once you expose a huge amount of underwater sediment to the atmosphere, lots of very bad things happen—a huge amount of carbon in the sediments is released and also methane. Once (methane) hits the atmosphere it's the most efficient greenhouse gas on the planet," he said.

1-2 punch

That provided a one-two punch of warming and a decline in oxygen levels, he said.

"Some of us have been toying with the idea that dinosaurs evolved to be a low-oxygen adaptation," resulting from this era, Ward said. "We know birds can live in much lower oxygen concentrations than we do, and we think there were similar lung adaptations in dinosaurs."

Currently the atmosphere consists of about 21 percent oxygen, but the addition of gases at that time could have lowered levels to 16 percent or less, Ward said.

"If you didn't live at the sea level you didn't live," he commented, reflecting the fact that oxygen concentrations decline with altitude. The result would have been to eliminate half the living space on the planet, said Ward.

The more recent mass extinction that killed the dinosaurs—65 million years ago—has been linked to an impact by a large asteroid or comet that struck in an area off the coast of what is now Mexico and left a distinctive layer of dust worldwide.

Some researchers have argued that the Great Dying might also have resulted from such an impact, but Ward's team said it could find no evidence for such an event.

'No evidence of absence'

That doesn't mean there wasn't one, argued Luann Becker of the University of California at Santa Barbara, commenting that "the absence of evidence isn't evidence for absence."

Becker, who was not part of Ward's research team, said "they did a nice job of presenting the paleontological data and the stratigraphy, which seem to show some indication of an evolutionary change going on for a prolonged period of time." However, she added, she doesn't believe that addresses the subject of cause and effect.

"I think that this is an ongoing discussion," said Becker, who previously reported on a crater off the northwest coast of Australia that shows evidence of a large meteor impact at about the time of the early extinction.

Ward's research was funded by the Nasa Astrobiology Institute, the National Science Foundation and the National Research Foundation of South Africa. AP



EFFECTS of global warming on woodland is seen in the color of the trees near [illegible], England, in this Nov. 12, 2004 photograph. AP

London sex ...

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breaching advertising regulations, reports said on Friday.

According to the Sun newspaper, women he recruited were told to adopt fake accents so as to pretend to be Filipina, but some kept accidentally lapsing into local drawls.

Unusual investigation

"You thought you were talking to a Filipina girl and some had the accent just right," said one chatline user, who perhaps understandably did not want to be named.

"But when you heard the girl say 'Thanks me duck' and 'Cheers me duck' you knew it was a con."

"This has been an unusual investigation but we decided to proceed because so many men were being ripped off," a spokesperson for Nottingham's Trading Standards Office told the paper. AFP

Body ...

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Pasig City General Hospital (PCGH) released the body of Zenaida Javier Echegaray to her daughter Rosemarie Abuan on the strength of a promissory note submitted by the latter.

Zenaida died on Jan. 19, 13 days after bursting a blood vessel because of severe high blood pressure. Abuan had been unable to immediately claim her body because of unpaid hospital bills.

But with the donations, Abuan is hopeful that she would be able to honor her promissory note and pay the P44,000 tab, as well as give her mother a decent wake and burial.

Modest amounts

"The donations started coming because of the story" that came out in the Jan. 20 issue of the Inquirer, said Abuan, one of two daughters of Zenaida from a relationship before she married child-rape convict Leo Echegaray.

She said the donations were in modest amounts of P1,000 or P2,000, and deposited by the donors in a bank account whose number she provided when they contacted her to indicate their intention to help.

"I'm very thankful," she said, adding that the initial donations received by her family would be used for the wake that would be held up to Jan. 28.

Cremation

Zenaida Echegaray became an outspoken crusader against the death penalty in the run-up to her husband's execution in February 1999—the first in the Philippines since capital punishment was reimposed.

By accounts a dedicated mother, she tried to ensure that her two daughters would complete their studies, but she found it difficult to succeed even in her small enterprise business.

Abuan said she had yet to decide where her mother would be interred. She said her mother had wanted to be cremated.

"I told her I would follow her wish," the daughter said, "but I would like to have her buried first before I have her remains cremated, as well as those of her siblings who have passed away."

Abuan said she was told of the final hospital bill of P44,000 after she secured medicine and equipment from the Philippine General Hospital to replace the supplies used by the PCGH for her mother's surgery.

"I promised [the PCGH] we'd settle," she said.

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NBI ANTICRIME RAID

Top kidnap suspect nabbed in Quiapo

'Wet flag' scheme goes to SC



PLAYGROUND

A boy seems to have found a place to play—complete with playmates, though inanimate—at a park in the Makati Central Business District.

Manila extends permits deadline

LLDA contractuals told to stay home

Solon fights 'janitor' over Pasig

MMDA execs want SWT back

Jinggoy, stop acting like a spoiled brat!

ON TARGET

METROBRIEFS

Pag-Asa ablaze

Northrail woes

Pot session arrest

Better water service

AHS Class '55 meet

Sinulog Invt'l pits RP team vs China, Korea, URBL fives



TNT blanks Shell in OT

$150,000 PURSE

Luisito's civil action stuck in oblivion



SPORTSWATCH

World Slasher on

5-cock derby slim

BUSINESS

Tan edges out SMC in bid for Del Monte



Public display of infection

Breaktime

Conrado R. Banal III

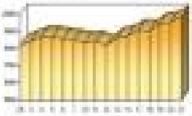


PSE chair joins PCI Securities

SB Corp. loans hit ₱3.3B in '04, up 10%

Tan edges out SMC ...

Property, mining issues lift market



Disclosures

Commercial banks' bad loans declining



BUENAVENTURA

DOF to continue pushing for removal of co-ops' perks

RP sugar exports seen to hit 160,000 tons



CYBERPRESS' 3RD ANNUAL FORUM

Raising specific taxes on oil products pushed

GOINGS-ON

PLDT group accelerating debt reduction schedule

ADB buys 25% of guarantee firm

PLDT call center unit gets tax incentives

Super 1



happy hour

Prince Harry enjoys his "Me Years"

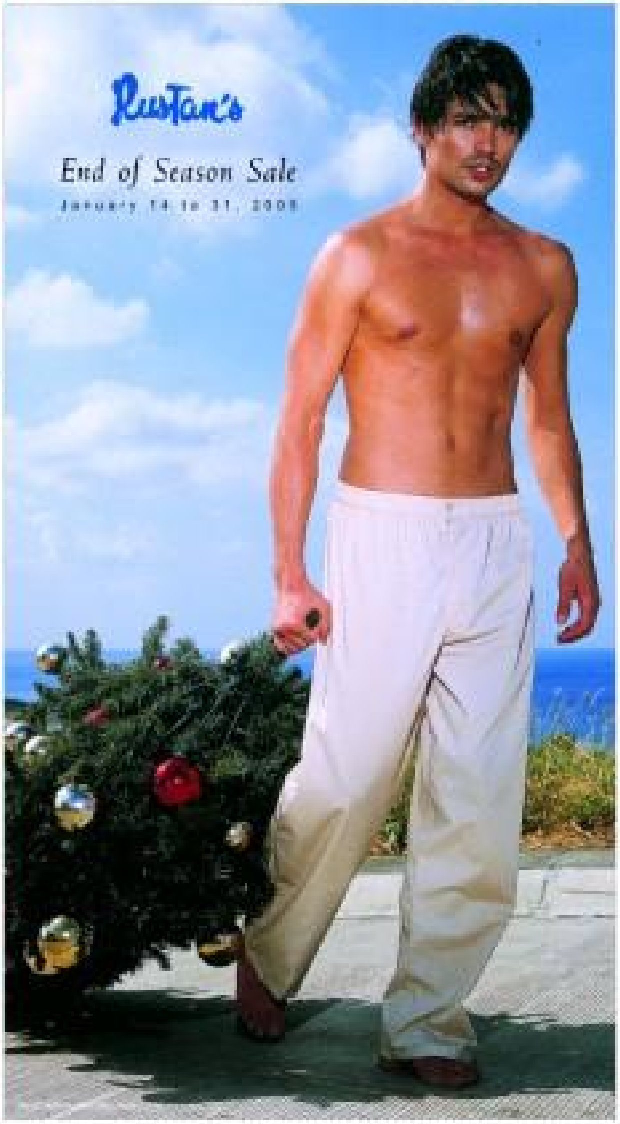
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Natassia Malthe plays Typhoid Mary in "Elektra"

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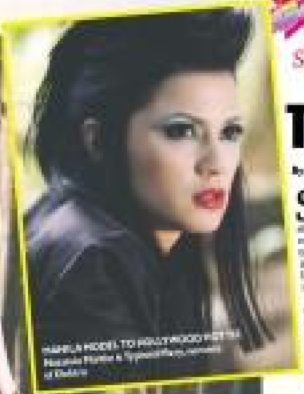


This Week's Challenge



Super's caption: BACK the Fuck up!





MANILA MODEL TO HOLLYWOOD PERSONA: Natassia Malthe is Typhoid Mary, nemesis of Elektra



ANOTHER [illegible] with Jennifer Garner

SUPER! SCOOP! NATASSIA MALTHE IN 'ELEKTRA'

Typhoid Fever

By Clave Du

Still in her most relaxed mood despite her hectic shoot schedule, Natassia sits comfortably on her new couch after moving into her new apartment. She just finished furnishing her new flat in LA and flew in her parents and sister for the holidays.

I tease her about being all over Jennifer Garner in her newest movie "Elektra," and for being all over the magazines in the US. She is featured this month in Maxim, Shape and [illegible], and is also on the cover of Stuff magazine. She giggles as we exchange gossip about Hollywood and, surprisingly, she wanted to find out the latest news about the Philippines.

She loves the Philippines!

Only a few know that Natassia Malthe, who plays the sexy villain Typhoid Mary in the upcoming movie Elektra, spent some time in the Philippines during the last four years. After being discovered by Gallardo's International way back in the late '90s, the former ballerina frequented the Philippines and Asia to shoot for local and regional endorsements like [illegible], Avi Dos Cologne, Johnson's pH5.5, and Avon.

"I love the Philippines!" she exclaims. "I am fascinated with the Filipinos. They are so artistic with how they furnish their houses, and they are so clever with how they make their homes so comfortable for entertaining guests."

Aside from shooting for print and TV commercials in the Philippines, she also graced some magazine covers and fashion editorials that brought her to the islands. "I really liked seeing the islands. I had this fashion shoot in Palawan with [illegible] and we absolutely enjoyed working while going through the exotic resorts and beaches there."

After the holidays, Natassia is busy shooting more films on television and on the big screen. "I am starring on television in Oxygen Network's 'Confessions of a [illegible]', opposite Jennifer Love Hewitt, and playing her best friend. I am also playing the role of Emily in a teen horror movie called '[illegible] Night.'"

After "Elektra," Natassia is set to shoot more action-packed films and [illegible] another adrenaline-pumping movie role. "Next I will be in the movie called 'Dead or Alive.' It is based on the PlayStation game, and the movie is produced by the same producers of "Resident Evil" 1 and 2. I will be portraying the role of a ninja martial arts master, Ayane. I will be undergoing weeks of martial arts training in China this mid-March for the film. I am excited because it's so near the Philippines. I would love to visit for a few days if my work schedule permits."

Her dancing background helped her a lot to land difficult roles that include complicated fighting scenes. Just like Zhang Ziyi, Natassia has a professional background in ballet. "When I was a young girl, I trained at the London Studio Dance Center in London, Norwegian Opera Ballet in Norway, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and the Goh Ballet in Vancouver, Canada. Since then, I took on roles in 'the Nutcracker,' 'Swan Lake,' and other performances that I could hardly remember!"

In spite of the fame and the success, one would be quite surprised as she expressed her profound thoughts when asked what makes her life interesting.

She has traveled all over the world, shot a commercial with Brad Pitt for Edwin jeans in Japan, became the Heineken girl after [illegible]. One good movie is coming after another. What more can a girl want?

"When she turned [illegible] on Jan. 19, she said: "Life is not about making movies. It is not about making money, and it is not definitely about fame. When you die, God doesn't care about that. You die with all the right choices you make, and it is the presence of the heart and soul that truly matters."



ONE OF her many Philippine glossy mag covers

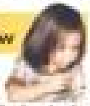
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Confessions of an ex-Rastafari wannabe

OUT THE WINDOW

Tala Diaz



SO I'm not black. And no matter how hard I could try, my stick-straight hair will never weave itself into dreadlocks. And I wasn't born in Jamaica. But I love reggae. Hey, one out of four isn't so bad, is it?

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CONFESSIONS, C2



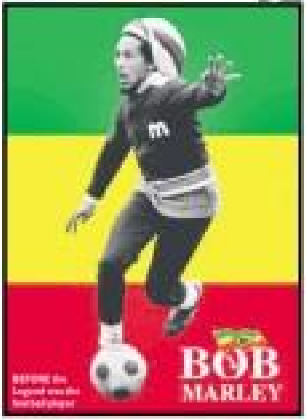
Think happy thoughts

The secret of significant existence is not just to live, but to have something worthwhile to live for

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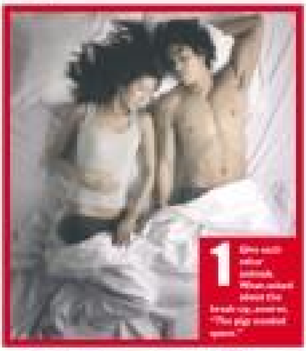


Rasta 101

So what's with the hair?

Back to the music

This is my message



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10 tips for celeb couples who want to stay together

All products by TIGI BED HEAD
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By Pepe Diokno
Photos by Tom Epperson

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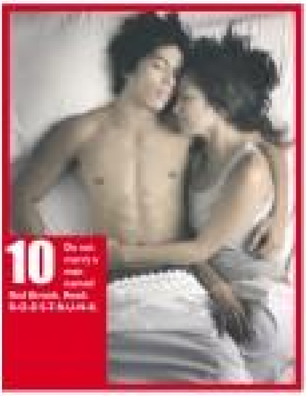
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ROYAL WARDROBE MALFUNCTION. Prince Harry and his dazzling costume decision

The 'Me Years'



Age against the machine

Gina de la Paz

Extension of adolescence

The 'Me Years'

If you're in your 20s, single with no kids, and feel strangely invincible, welcome to the best years of your life!



The 'Me Years' checklist

In college, at work or in general, here are twenty (dubious) nuggets of wisdom from one me-obsessed twentysomething to another



